# TOURISM BULLETIN

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### TÜRSAB COMMITTEE HELD A MEETING WITH THE SENIOR MANAGEMENT OF AJET

Our TÜRSAB President of Collective Employers' Association, Mehmet Ali Kılıçlı and President of Tourism Operators' Association, Ali Ekber Çağlar, Our Vice President in Charge of Tourism Operators' Association, Ali Ekber Çağlar, Our Vice President of Airline Ticket Sales and Sales Committee Chairman, Ali Cağlayan Ünlü, Our Member, Hamdullah Kılıç held a meeting with senior management. At the meeting, the problems, opinions and determinations of our members and the measures taken against the pandemic were discussed. Stating that the sector is in a difficult position, an agreement was reached to establish closer cooperation and communication between the institutions. It was planned to deliver the updated contracts to our members and to revise the existing contracts that were prepared in accordance with the law. It was stated that they will immediately with the existing contracts to be revised in line with the request of our members in order to be ready for the new contracts.

### MONTHLY MEETING OF TÜRSAB AIRLINE TICKET SALES AND IATA SPECIALIZATION PRESIDENCY WAS HELD

The monthly meeting of Tourism Business Association Airline Ticket Sales Presidency was held on Friday, January 29, 2021 under the chairmanship of Ali Cağlayan Ünlü.

In the meeting held with the participation of Cenal Gürsoylu, Vice President of TÜRSAB, Human Rights Chair, Chief Advisor to the President of TÜRSAB and Ashley Tekin Kocaman, Vice President of TÜRSAB, President, Ayşe Ozay, Vice President of Specialization, Cem Gürün, General Manager of TÜRSAB Tourism Business Association Airline Ticket Sales Presidency, Ali Ekber Çağlar, Tourism Business Association Airline Ticket Sales Presidency Vice President and the senior management of Airlines were discussed. The meeting ended with questions, suggestions and evaluations of our members.

### "VISA COMMITTEE CONSULTATION MEETING" HELD IN HYBRID AT CENTRAL OFFICE BUILDING

Vice Commissioner Ahmet Ali Kılınç, Vice President of Tourism Operators, Ali Ekber Çağlar, Our Central Office, Dr. Kevin A. Ecklin, our Board Members Yıldırım Taş, Engin Ocan, Ali Tercanlı, Ezra Bayındırlı and Level agency representatives took part in the meeting held in hybrid system.

At the meeting, which started with the opening speeches of Vice President of Tourism Operators, Ali Ekber Çağlar, the visa problems experienced by our members and possible solutions were discussed. The solution suggestions on the subject and what can be done to facilitate visa procedures, and TÜRSAB's efforts to solve the problems were covered.

### THE ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE MIDDLE EAST TOURISM SPECIALIZATION PRESIDENCY OF TÜRSAB WILL BE HELD IN OUR CENTRAL OFFICE BUILDING

Our President of Tourism Business Association, Mehmet Ali Kılıçlı, our Vice President in Charge of Central Office Located at Dr.Binbaş Mahallesi Ayın Hanım Sokak No: 40 Beşiktaş Istanbul on Friday, March 26, 2021at between 10.00-16.00. Travel agency officials who want to be a presidential candidate for the Specialization Presidency

of Middle East Tourism, Tourism Business Association, Tourism Operators

must apply until March 25, 2021, and must fill in the table in the attached form and send it to info@tursab@tursab@tursab.org.tr.

In the election to be held in our Central Office, the candidate with the most votes in the Middle East Tourism specialization area will be the president of TÜRSAB Middle East Tourism Specialization Presidency. Every member has the right to vote. The election will take place in the ballot box to be established on the third floor of our TÜRSAB Central Office.

### IRANIAN DELEGATION HELD A MEETING WITH OUR TÜRSAB CEO

General General of the Islamic Republic of Iran Tourism Promotion and Development, Culture Attaché of the Consulate in Istanbul, Hassan Bakhshi and Business Expert of the Consulate, Ali Ghazi Mousavi Vahid visited our Central Office and had a meeting with our Vice President Dancel Gürsoylu and TÜRSAB Committee.

During the meeting, while evaluations were made on the organization of projects to increase the tourism potential between the two countries, the current situation in the tourism sector in both destinations, ideas were exchanged on the activities and projects implemented during the pandemic, will stimulate tourism with the increase in flight services, We would like to thank Mr. Ahmed Mohammed, the President of the Iranian Tourism Association, who was not present at the meeting, and the Turkish tourism between the two countries to increase and strengthen.

### ANNOUNCEMENT ON TICKET SALES FOR ANKARA-İZYTARBAŞKENT TOURISTIC TRAIN SERVICES

According to the information received from the Ankara Metropolitan Municipality, Ankara-Eskişehir-Ankara Touristic Train will make its first departure on Friday, April 16 at 10:00. Tourism train will depart from Ankara at 8:00 every Friday between 16.04.2021-16.10.2021 and will stop in Akdağ for 3 hours for sightseeing purposes.

Between 23.04.2021-09.10.2021, the train will depart from Eskişehir every Saturday at 10:00 and will stop for 3 hours in Akdağ-Eskişehir and 3 hours in Eskişehir for sightseeing purposes.

Ticket sales can be made through call centers, online tickets, group-group transportation without any intermediary, ticket offices and travel agencies. Ankara-Eskişehir-Ankara Tourist Train ticket prices are as follows: Economy class: 75 TL, Tourist class: 100 TL, Business class: 125 TL, Business class commercial discount (tariffs (youth, teacher, 65 years old, etc.) applied in other scheduled trains are not applied. Passengers with subscription card can benefit from the discount specified in the subscription rights with the tickets made with the card.

For the tickets made with the card, the discount rate will be applied and the changed rates will be reflected in the passenger tariff and sales.

Detailed information can be found at: https://www.ccbankara.com.tr/tr/ulasim/ankara-eskisehir-ankara-turistik-tren-seferleri

### A "RESIDENTIAL TOURISM COMMITTEE" WILL BE ESTABLISHED FOR THE LEASING OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS FOR TOURISM PURPOSES

Within the scope of the decision of the Board of Directors of our Association, it has been decided to establish a "Residential Tourism Committee" to lease residential buildings for tourism purposes. Our members who want to take part in the Residential Tourism Committee should fill in the attached application form and send it to info@tursab@tursab@tursab.org.tr.

Our Committee will be formed and started to work.

For detailed information: https://www.tursab.org.tr/duyurular/ikametli-konut-turizm-amacli-kiralama-duyuru-17

### APPLICATIONS FOR THE INFORMATION OFFICER EXAM CONTINUE

Pursuant to Article 40 of the Working procedure of the Tourist Guides Regulation, The application, exam date and conditions for the information Officer Tourism Knowledge exam, which will be held in our Central Office and Izmir, Antalya, Muğla provinces, which are open to applications will start on March 1, 2021 and will end on April 16, 2021 at 23:59.

For detailed information: https://www.tursab.org.tr/duyurular/bilgilendirme-memurluk-sinavi-basvurularimiz-devam-ediyor-17

### VISITING HOURS OF THE MUSEUM OF TURKISH AND ISLAMIC ARTS AND TURSAB WAS BEEN EXTENDED DUE TO RAMADAN MONTH

According to the letter sent to our Association by the Presidential Directorate of Culture and Tourism, The visiting hours of the Museum of Turkish and Islamic Arts under the Presidential Directorate of Culture and Tourism, which is open to visitors in accordance with the measures taken against the pandemic, will be extended to the most in the morning in the ministry of visitors. The updated list of museums and culture and visiting hours are attached.

Accordingly, museums and culture and visiting hours will be extended from the beginning of the Ramadan after the visiting hours of the Museum of Turkish and Islamic Arts and Sultan Ahmet Ramadan.

### ANNOUNCEMENT ON TÜRSAB "HEALTH TOURISM PROMOTION MEETINGS AND B2B FAIRS" RESEARCH SURVEY

As TÜRSAB, we are working to organize "Health Tourism Promotion Meetings and B2B Fairs" in Turkey in the coming months. Health Tourism Promotion Meetings and B2B Fairs will be organized in negative these events. In this context, we kindly ask you to share with us 3 of the countries you would prefer us to organize health tourism promotion meetings and B2B fairs and the sector you expect to solve. If any. For detailed information and participation: https://www.tursab.org.tr/duyurular/saglik-turizm-tanitim-toplantilari-ve-b2b-fuarlari-arastirma-anketi-duyurusu-17

WITH TÜRSAB MOBILE APPLICATION, ALL YOUR TRANSACTIONS ARE AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

Our TÜRSAB Mobile Application is online! It has been applied as a part of our Association's Digital Transformation Project and it is now ready to be used by our members and stakeholders. Our Members: "You may easily access many of our services by our mobile application" Stating that we are TÜRSAB Online, TÜRSAB AJET license plate inquiry, plate status notification, Digital Verification System, Tourist Information Card, Tourist Guide Card inquiry, Vis your TÜRSAB Membership Card, Tourism Information Card, Tourist Guide Card, Vis, etc. You can download our TÜRSAB mobile application, which will provide benefits to our members and users, to your mobile devices free of charge from the following links.

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### TÜRSAB AGENCY SOFTWARE

The "TÜRSAB Agency Software" is a software that allows travel agencies to easily carry out their business, maintain customer memories, and quickly organize tour programs. Our agencies can save easily, save time and money, and have a more efficient business life with the software they will use in their offices.

The TÜRSAB Agency Software can be used by obtaining an agency code through TÜRSAB Online from the address: www.tursabonline.org.tr.

For more detailed information, please visit: https://www.tursab.org.tr/_duyurular/50-yillinizi-cok-yakin-17

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For detailed information on campaign terms and free TÜRSAB CARD application, please visit www.tursabcard.com

## LAST WEEK

**PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRUD BAŞLAYAN'S TALKS TO KANAL D ABOUT THE VISA ISSUE**

Our President Prud Başlayan made statements to the Kanal D Morning Show regarding the Tourism Century project. Speaking about the visa problems and criticizing the VIP Visa application, Başlayan, called on the companies for the solution of the issue.

**OUR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS YILDIRIM TAŞ WAS A GUEST OF "GÜNE BAKIŞ" PROGRAM**

Our Board Member Yildirim Tas was the guest of Halka Okuyan in the Güne Bakış program broadcast on TV 360. Commenting on the current situation of the tourism sector, the current holiday on the same date, whether the holiday will be 8 days and the preparations of the tourism sector for the future, he said, "I think that increasing the holiday to 8 days will be very beneficial for our country. Yildirim Tas also expressed his opinion on the Tourism Century project implemented by our Ministry of Culture and Tourism. He also voiced his opinion on our President.

**FATH IRIG PRESIDENT GÜNHAN ÖZCAN MADE STATEMENTS TO SABAH NEWSPAPER**

Sabah Book, Fath Regional Representative Board President, made statements to Hakan Ozkan about the Eid al-Fitr holiday. Stating that the occupancy rate has reached 90 percent, President Ozcan said, "We will open 90 percent of the holiday to Eid.

**OUR CHIEF ADVISOR TO THE PRESIDENT HAKAN ÖZKAN WAS A GUEST ON NTV**

TÜRSAB Chief Advisor to the President Hakan Ozkan was the guest of the Finance Calls program broadcast on NTV. He evaluated the current sector holiday, the same date, whether the holiday will be 8 days and the preparations of the tourism sector for the future. He said, "I think that increasing the holiday to 8 days will be very beneficial for our country. Hakan Ozkan Tourism Century project implemented by our Ministry of Culture and Tourism. He also voiced his opinion on our President.

**ITB BERLIN FAIR**

ITB Berlin International Tourism Fair, one of the most important tourism fairs held every year, takes place in Messe Berlin between March 9-11 this year. At the fair, which will welcome a large delegation, our TÜRSAB stand attracted great interest from tourism and travel agencies. Our members had the opportunity to negotiate new collaborations and agreements at our stand.

## THIS WEEK

**OUR BOARD MEMBER YILDIRIM TAŞ MADE STATEMENTS TO KANAL D**

Our Board Member Yildirim Tas made statements to Kanal D. Tas mentioned that refunds can be taken back for 30 days in case of holiday cancellations and emphasized the importance of TÜRSAB and travel agencies in safe holiday planning.

**KARAKİLİSA EXPRESS TOURISTIC TRAIN**

The Karakilisa Express, which is planned within the scope of operations of Ankara Eskişehir Izzet Gurdal on the "Railway to Cold Green Lake" Tourist Train, which is planned to be in Erzurgadine in Istanbul, Eskişehir and Istanbul, carried out a promotional tour before the Tourist Train. The Tourist Train Tour passes that will start on April 16.

Passengers on the Karakilisa Express had the opportunity to see the natural, historical and cultural heritage of the Western Black Sea Region.

You can watch the entire unique train journey on TÜRSAB TV.

**FEBRUARY ACTIVITY REPORT**

We have completed the activities carried out by our corporation for the tourism and travel sector during February 2021 in the 2021 activity report. You can find the February activity activities on our website and TÜRSAB TV.